

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	§	
<b>Soliman, et al.</b>	§	Group Art Unit: <b>2128</b>
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Serial No.: <b>10/728,295</b>	§	
	§	Examiner: <b>Gebresilassie, Klibrom K.</b>
Filed: <b>December 4, 2003</b>	§	
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Title: <b>“Method for Geomechanical Fracture Modeling”</b>	§	Docket No.: <b>2003-IP-011150U1</b>

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED JULY 27, 2006**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed July 27, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action. The three-month shorted statutory period expired on October 27, 2006. Applicants request a two-month extension of time to extend the period for reply to December 27, 2006. This Response is therefore timely filed.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 2 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this Response.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the “Listing of Claims,” which begins on page 4 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this Response.